

A N N U A L R E P O R T  
of the  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
for the  
U R B A N D I S T R I C T O F C H I N G F O R D,  
for the year 1918.

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Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my Annual Report, abbreviated in accordance with the suggestion of the Local Government Board.

AREA AND POPULATION

|  |     |     |     |     |       |      |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|
| Area of District                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | acres | 2807 |
| Population taken at mid-year Census 1911 | ... | ... | ... | ... |       | 8186 |
| .. estimated for Birth-rate 1918         | ... | ... | ... | ... |       | 9215 |
| .. .. Death-rate 1918                    | ... | ... | ... | ... |       | 8224 |

BIRTHS.

|  |               |       |     |     |     |      |
|--|---------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Males - 75   | Females - 70. | Total | ... | ... | ... | 145  |
| Rate per Thousand                                    |               |       |     |     |     | 15.7 |
| Rate per Thousand of population in England and Wales |               |       |     |     |     | 17.7 |

DEATHS.

|                              |     |     |     |     |     |      |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Deaths of Residents          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 113  |
| Rate per Thousand            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13.7 |
| .. .. of Civilian population |     |     |     |     |     |      |
| in England and Wales         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17.6 |

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

|                             |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Deaths under one year       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9.  |
| .. during 1st month of life | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5   |
| Rate per Thousand Births    |     |     |     |     |     | 62. |
| .. .. in England and Wales  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 97. |

For the purpose of calculating the Birth and Death rates two different estimates are used, the military position of the inhabitants being included in the former but excluded in the latter.



## ZYMOTIC SICKNESS.

| Disease                | Notification | Sent to Hospital |
|------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Scarlet Fever          | 17           | 9                |
| Diphtheria             | 29           | 11               |
| Enteric (Naval)        | 1            | 1                |
| Erysipelas             | 2            |                  |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | 13           |                  |
| Non .. ..              | 1            |                  |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum  | 1            | 1                |
| Measles                | 140          |                  |
| German Measles         | 47           |                  |

## MATERNITY, INFANT WELFARE AND HEALTH VISITING.

From the beginning of the year to the date of her resignation in June Nurse Howell performed the duties of Health Visitor in an entirely satisfactory manner.

In August the Council appointed Nurse Grant as District Midwife and Health Visitor. From September to the end of the year she attended nine confinements and made 456 visits as Health Visitor.

It is a pleasure to testify to her excellent personal qualifications for both posts.

## SANITARY ADMINISTRATION OF THE DISTRICT.

The Sanitary condition of the District with the exception of a fat boiling business carried on at Folley Farm has been satisfactory.

A more faithful adherence to the model Bye laws of the Council which, during the War, were difficult of being put into effect, will be demanded by the Proprietor.

Appended in the acting Sanitary Inspector's Report.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

It will be noted that our Birth-rate and Death-rate compare unfavourably with the rates of the previous year. The Epidemic of Influenza in the Autumn was mainly responsible for the increase of the death-rate, twenty-five residents dying from the disease or its complications. Nearly all the deaths occurred amongst the Industrial Class.

In addition 13 deaths took place from Pneumonia (all forms) and many of which Influenza was the exciting cause.

Twelve deaths occurred from Cancer the great majority being of the Internal Abdominal Organs..

Of the Zymotic diseases Diphtheria caused one Death and Pulmonary Tuberculosis six deaths.

It is satisfactory to note that no deaths occurred from Measles.

In conclusion I desire to thank Mr. L. C. Bowen, the Clerk and Mr. J. T. Griffin, the Surveyor, acting Sanitary Inspector for their valuable assistance.

T. STANBURY BROOK,

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Medical Officer of Health.

April, 1919.



SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT  
IN THE SANITARY INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1918.

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|---|-------------------|
| Complaints received .....                               | 52                |
| Nuisances detected without complaint .....              | 34                |
| Nuisances abated .....                                  | 33                |
| Nuisances remaining unabated .....                      | 1                 |
| Formal Notices served .....                             | -                 |
| Summonses taken out .....                               | -                 |
| Convictions obtained .....                              | -                 |
| Slaughter-Houses inspected .....                        | 1                 |
| Bakehouses inspected .....                              | 3 every 3 months. |
| Dairy and Milk Shops inspected .....                    | 4 .. 3 ..         |
| Cowsheds inspected .....                                | 8 .. 3 ..         |
| No. of Samples of Milk taken for Analysis .....         | 1                 |
| Houses disinfected .....                                | 40                |
| Overcrowding abated .....                               | 2                 |
| Privies and W.C.'s repaired; W.C.'s supplied with water | 20                |
| Water cisterns cleansed, repaired, or covered .....     | 12                |
| Animals improperly kept removed .....                   | 2                 |
| Samples of water taken for Analysis .....               | -                 |
| Seizures of unsound Meat, &c. ....                      | 6                 |

J. T. GRIFFIN,

Acting Sanitary Inspector.

